

House Resolution No. 346

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members are now pleased and proud to pause to recognize Camp Penuel, in Ironton, Missouri, which will observe its thirty-fifth anniversary this April, after taking in nearly sixty thousand kids who have camped for free, mostly from inner-cities; and

Whereas, founded by Reverend Harry H. Douma in 1973, Camp Penuel is a Christian, non-denominational free camp for inner-city and at-risk children located at Lake Killarney and Anderson Mountain; and

Whereas, Camp Penuel is a safe haven where troubled youth from all across the Midwest may relax and enjoy the time away from the city and take in the outstanding scenery of Missouri; and

Whereas, the staff, counselors, and volunteers who help operate Camp Penuel demonstrate the truest form of compassion and self-sacrifice in giving their time to help campers realize that there is a life apart from sometimes threatening cities; and

Whereas, Camp Penuel is supported by the two thrift stores it owns and operates as well as by donations from churches, corporations, organizations, and individuals, some of whom are past campers whose lives were enhanced by attending Camp Penuel:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to Camp Penuel and its serving president, Reverend Harry H. Douma, on the auspicious occasion of its thirty-fifth anniversary, with our best wishes for every success in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Camp Penuel.

Offered by Speaker Rod Jetton
District No. 156

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 346, adopted January 30, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker